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PROGRAM AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE

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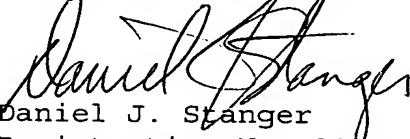
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, the Applicants inform the Examiner of the documents cited during prosecution of the parent application, USSN 09/645,543.

The Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 form as an indication that the references have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,


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